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In re U.S. Patent of:
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**NOTIFICATION OF PRIOR ART
CITATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.501**

A citation of prior art under 37 C.F.R. § 1.501 has been filed by the patent owner on February 15, 2006, in the above-identified patent, entitled "**BASE STATION FOR USE IN MULTI-NETWORK CONNECTION COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND ITS CONNECTING METHOD**".

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